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SUBJECT: HEARINGS ON US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT (DCA)

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL ASKED ASST SECY HARTMAN
SEPT 1 THE STATUS OF DEPT EFFORTS TO PERSUADE CONGRESS
TO HOLD EARLY HEARINGS ON THE DCA. HARTMAN TOLD ESENBEL
THAT THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM IN SCHEDULING A SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING IN MID-SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF
OPPOSITION TO THE DCA AS WELL AS THE CROWDED PRE-ADJOURN-
MENT SCHEDULE. THE ADMINISTRATION IS VERY AWARE OF THE
NEED TO SHOW PROGRESS ON THE DCA. HARTMAN SAID HE AND
OTHERS WERE WORKING HARD ON THIS AND HE WAS STILL HOPEFUL
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THAT AN SFRC HEARING CAN BE SCHEDULED.

2. HARTMAN NOTED THAT CONGRESS HAD AGREED NOT TO TAKE UP NEW LEGISLATION AT THIS LATE DATE. WE WERE TAKING THE POSITION THAT A HEARING ON THE DCA, PARTICULARLY IF IT DID NOT LEAD TO COMPLETED ACTION PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED NEW LEGISLATION. ESENBEL URGED HARTMAN TO CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OVERCOME THIS PARLIAMENTARY HURDLE SINCE THERE WOULD BE A VERY ADVERSE REACTION IN TURKEY IF NO DCA HEARINGS WERE HELD. ROBINSON

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